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BATCH JOBS BY DELEGATING WORK TO
INDEPENDENT SERVICE PROVIDERS

PATENT APPLICATION

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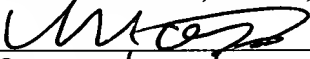
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Reply is in response to the final Office Action dated November 29, 2005, and the advisory Office Action dated January 25, 2006. An RCE, a Request for a one-month Extension of Time, and a check in the amount of \$910.00 accompany this Reply.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.